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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

SZUM et al.

Appln. No.: 09/757,828

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Group Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: J. Lee

FOR: RADIATION-CURABLE OPTICAL GLASS FIBER COATING COMPOSITIONS,

COATED OPTICAL GLASS FIBERS, AND OPTICAL GLASS FIBER

ASSEMBLIES

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks regarding the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:



74. (Amended) The coated optical fiber of claim 73, wherein the primary coating is strippable at the temperature upon execution of the force to leave a stripped portion of the optical fiber having a Mill's test value of less than about 2.



84. (Amended) The coated optical fiber of claim 83, wherein said primary coating layer further comprises the reaction product of, in addition to the acrylate or methacrylate-terminated oligomer, from about 0.1 to about 20 percent by weight of a monomer selected from the group consisting of isobornyl acrylate, isodecyl acrylate, hexanediol diacrylate, phenoxyethyl acrylate, and lauryl acrylate.